

**CITY OF CENTRAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Central was called to order by Mayor Engels at 7:01 p.m., in City Hall on December 18, 2012.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Engels
Alderman Spain
Alderman Giancola
Alderman Voorhies

Absent: Alderman Lee

Staff Present: Manager Lanning
Attorney Michow
City Clerk Bechtel
Finance Director Flowers
Operations Director Kisselman
CDD/HPO Thompson
Utilities Superintendent Griffith
Police Chief Krelle
Fire Chief Allen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ADDITIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council Member disclosed a conflict regarding any item on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Spain moved to approve the consent agenda containing the regular bill lists for December 6 and 13, 2012; and the City Council minutes of December 4, 2012. Alderman Giancola seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one requested time to address the Council.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 12-18: *An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado amending certain provisions of Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code concerning revenue and finance.*

Finance Director Flowers explained that this ordinance is a revision to the Municipal Code to clean

up obsolete provisions, create administrative efficiencies and simplify language and cross referencing so that staff, residents and businesses can more easily access the regulations set forth in the Code.

Some changes are: Section 4-54(n) has been added to include a food stamp exemption; language has been added to Section 4-47 to formalize the City's existing practices regarding the collection of sales and lodging tax on complimentary meals and rooms; and Procurement of Goods and Services (beginning with Section 4-241) to simplify with a chart that easily identifies what purchasing requirements shall be followed within certain budgetary ranges which will allow staff to obtain good pricing and potential cost savings when purchasing goods and services thereby saving the City money.

Mayor Engels opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and invited comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Alderman Voorhies moved to adopt Ordinance No. 12-18: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado amending certain provisions of Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code concerning revenue and finance. Alderman Spain seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 12-19: *An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado amending certain provisions of Article II of Chapter 6 of the Central City Municipal Code; specifically fees and charges related to avoidable or false alarms.*

Finance Director Flowers explained that in conjunction with the Municipal Code revisions that staff and legal counsel have been doing over the past year, staff has been removing any specific fees and/or charges from the Code itself and incorporating them into the Comprehensive Fee Schedule instead. A resolution to include the revised fees for avoidable and false alarms on the Comprehensive Fee Schedule will be presented to Council for consideration upon adoption of this ordinance. The Police Department now responds to false alarms and the business owner has not had any incentive to repair their alarm system.

Mayor Engels opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. and invited comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Alderman Giancola moved to adopt Ordinance No. 12-19: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado amending certain provisions of Article II of Chapter 6 of the Central City Municipal Code; specifically fees and charges related to avoidable or false alarms. Alderman Spain seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 12-20: *An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central amending certain provisions of Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Central City Municipal Code regarding Historic Preservation Commission membership.*

CDD/HPO Thompson explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Municipal Code to indicate who can be on the Historic Preservation Commission. At this time, there are restrictions on who can serve on the Planning Commission. No such restrictions currently exist for HPC members. This ordinance will put the similar restrictions on HPC as currently on PC and allow 2 members to serve on both.

Mayor Engels opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and invited comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman Voorhies moved to adopt Ordinance No. 12-20: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central amending certain provisions of Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Central City Municipal Code regarding Historic Preservation Commission membership. Alderman Giancola seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Commission Appointments – 2 seats and 1 alternate

Mayor Engels appointed Alex Thome and Margaret Grant with Gina Fuerst as the alternate and thanked Perry Eppenger and John Friery for their interest.

Alderman Voorhies moved to approve the appointments as stated by the Mayor. Alderman Spain seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Appointments – 3 seats –

Mayor Engels appointed Barbara Thielemann, Margaret Grant, and Herman Gaines and thanked John Friery for his interest.

Alderman Voorhies moved to approve the appointments as stated by the Mayor. Alderman Giancola seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Gilpin County Historical Society Report

Gloria Gaines, President, stated that support from the City is appreciated and has helped them to continue to move forward. GCHS will begin using a shorter name which is *Gilpin History*. Other important data to note include: tour numbers are up; finances stable though still in the red; and the Washington Hall museum has been a boost to their exposure. GCHS has worked collaboratively with the Opera and Arts Association as well as expanding cooperation with the BID. The Creepy Crawl and the Cemetery Crawl were both very successful. Ms. Gaines will continue as President for 2013.

Resolution No. 12-21: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado to amending the City of Central Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

Finance Director Flowers gave the background as follows: Ordinance 12-18 removed the specific fees for avoidable and false alarms so that we could incorporate them into the Comprehensive Fee Schedule. The City would like to encourage businesses with avoidable or false alarms to correct the problem so staff is asking that the fees be increased.

Alderman Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 12-21: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado to amending the City of Central Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Alderman Voorhies seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 12-22: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving a Professional Services Agreement with Colorado Code Consulting, LLC.

CDD Thompson stated the contract with Colorado Code Consulting expires at the end of the year. There are no changes to the contract or fees from last year. Staff has been pleased with the service.

Alderman Voorhies moved to approve Resolution No. 12-22: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving a Professional Services Agreement with Colorado Code Consulting, LLC. Alderman Giancola seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 12-23: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving an agreement with One Way, Inc. for residential trash disposal services.

CDD Thompson stated the contract with One Way, Inc. expires at the end of the year. There are no changes to the contract or the fees from last year.

Alderman Voorhies stated that this company goes above and beyond in service to the residents.

Alderman Giancola moved to approve Resolution No. 12-23: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving an agreement with One Way, Inc. for residential trash disposal services. Alderman Voorhies seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Gilpin County School Donation for Spelling Bee

Finance Director Flowers explained that the Middle School is asking for donations to be used for small cash prizes for the spelling bee and also asks for volunteers to serve as judge. Council made a donation of \$100 in 2012 and Finance Director Flowers served as a judge.

Alderman Giancola moved to approve a donation of \$100 from the Education Fund. Alderman Voorhies seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Finance Director Flowers volunteered to serve as a judge.

Presentation of Master Water Plan

Utilities Superintendent Griffith explained that we asked Black & Veatch to do the Water Master Plan to assess our existing system, our future needs, and the capital investment necessary to complete our goals. The plan concluded that our system needs regulatory improvements at a projected cost of \$700,000 for raw water diversion, transmission costs of \$191-\$396,000, and distribution upgrades of \$1.6-4 million to be completed in the next 2-5 years.

Commercial and residential growth will largely dictate the allocation of resources towards particular improvements delineated in the Water Master Plan. In the upcoming 2-3 years, a Comprehensive CIP needs to be approved by Council and improvements need to start with available capital funds as well as low cost interest loans and grants. If we have no growth, the minimal improvements are likely to be in the neighborhood of \$2.5 million.

Staff as well as the City Engineer will work over the next 6-8 months to develop a CIP that is affordable to the City.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Lanning stated that 2012 has been a record year for getting things done. Our staff has been very proactive and responsive to requests. Projects such as the sidewalks at Johnny Z's and the Reserve were partnered with the City that the crew self-performed. He added that projects are not possible without the will of the Council.

Operations Director Kisselman announced that Central City has been named the 2012 winner by APWA for our Water Meter Project. He thanked Shawn and the water department team for their excellent implementation. Mayor Engels stated the award is well deserved and thanked Shawn for spearheading this project.

Alderman Voorhies thanked Chief Krelle for the new Santa Cop program.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Alderman Spain thanked Alderman Lee and Alderman Ginacola for their service. Mayor Engels and Alderman Voorhies concurred.

PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Barbara Thielemann, 101 H Street, gave a report on the Tommyknocker Events. She also thanked staff for the extra effort required to install her difficult water meter.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Engels adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

Reba Bechtel, City Clerk